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ALLEGATIONS OF GOI TRANSFER OF PATRIOT SUBJECT:

TECHNOLOGY TO CHINA

ALLEGATIONS OF GOI PATRIOT TECHNOLOGY SUMMARY: TRANSFER TO CHINA HAVE HIT THE ISRAELI MEDIA. GOI THREE SOURCES SPOKESMEN HAVE ISSUED FIRM DENIALS. DOVISH ANALYST, A PRO-GOI STRATEGIST ISRAELI, AND A MOD OFFICIAL -- THOUGHT THE CHARGES UNTRUE, BUT THEY AGREED

01 OF 02 TEL AV 03784 PAGE 02 THAT, IF CONFIRMED, THE ACT WOULD HAVE BEEN ONE SUGGESTED THAT THE STORY IN EXCEPTIONALLY STUPID. THE "WASHINGTON TIMES," MAY HAVE BEEN LEAKED BY A LOW LEVEL USG ANALYST WHO HAD ALLOWED HIS JUDGMENT TO BE CLOUDED BY TENSIONS IN THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. CONTACTS HERE CONCERNED OVER THE IMPACT OF THE STORY. END COMMENT.

PATRIOT STORY HITS THE WIRES

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2. (U) ALL ISRAELI MEDIA MARCH 13 HEADLINED THE WASHINGTON TIMES STORY OF ALLEGED U.S. ACCUSATIONS THAT ISRAEL HAS SUPPLIED PATRIOT MISSILES OR TECHNOLOGY TO CHINA, TOGETHER WITH A DENIAL THEREOF BY MOD SPOKESMAN DANNY NAVEH, CHARACTERIZING IT AS "TOTALLY FALSE AND BASELESS." ACCORDING TO THE "JERUSALEM POST," AND "A BASELESS LIE," ACCORDING TO THE "VOICE OF ISRAEL" RADIO. THE "POST" CITED REUTERS REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED "NYC JEWISH SOURCES" EXPLAINING THE LEAK AS A RESPONSE TO SECRETARY BAKER'S ALLEGED INSULT TO JEWISH VOTERS.

3. (C) , A RESEARCH ASSOCIATE TOLD POLOFF MARCH 13 THAT HE THOUGHT THE STORY WAS "BALONEY." "WE ISRAELIS DO ILLEGAL THINGS FROM TIME TO TIME, BUT THIS WOULD BE JUST TOO GROSS," HE SAID. ADDED THAT THERE SEEMED TO

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BE A PATTERN: EACH TIME DEFMIN ARENS GOES TO THE U.S.,
"SOMETHING IS WAITING FOR HIM ..."

RIGHTIST ANALYST DOWNPLAYS THE STORY

DESCRIBED THE AFFAIR AS "ARENS

GETTING A PIE IN THE FACE." HE CLAIMED THAT WHEN ARENS

PREVIOUSLY MET AS FORMIN WITH SECRETARY BAKER, ARENS

WOULD BE SURPRISED THE NEXT DAY BY DESCRIPTIONS OF HIS

CONVERSATIONS IN THE PRESS OR IN CONGRESSIONAL

TESTIMONY. SAID THAT MOST ISRAELIS HOPED THE STORY

WAS NOT TRUE, BUT IF IT WERE, IT WAS "STUPID, HORRIBLE,

AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE ARE FOOLS." HE THOUGHT IT

REFLECTED EXISTING TENSIONS IN GOI-USG RELATIONS, AND

WAS AN INTENTIONAL LEAK -- NOT NECESSARILY HIGH LEVEL -
BUT PERHAPS BY SOME ANALYST DOWN IN THE "BOILER ROOM."

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CCHNHARD. COLORING THE ATTITUDES OF UNDERLINGS.

OBSERVED THAT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ISSUES REQUIRE

MEETINGS BY TEAMS OF EXPERTS TO THRASH OUT WHERE ONE

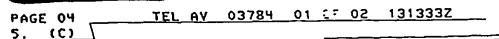
COUNTRY'S TECHNOLOGY ENDS AND ANOTHER'S BEGINS.

SAW ISRAEL AS BEING SINGLED DUO, CLAIMING FOR EXAMPLE

THAT A LOT OF "DIRT" ON JORDAN AND EGYPT THESE DAYS GOES

UNNOTICED.

HOD OFFICIAL CALLS IT A CANARD



ALSO THOUGHT THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE STORY. "IT WOULD BE STUPID" FOR THE GOI TO DO ANYTHING OF THE SORT, HE REPEATED, AND SAID HE DID NOT REMEMBER HEARING SUCH A FLAT, STRONG DENIAL IN A LONG TIME. HE NOTED THAT THE CHINESE HAD ALSO OFFICIALLY DENIED IT. "I'M AFRAID THIS STORY IS WHAT OUR ISRAELI JOURNALISTS CALL A 'DUCK'," HE SAID.

6. (C) COMMENT: DESPITE THEIR SKEPTICISM, WE SENSE AN UNDERCURRENT OF NERVOUSNESS IN OUR ISRAELI CONTACTS.
SINCE VERY FEW HERE WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO SUCH INFORMATION. THOUGHTFUL ISRAELIS HOPE IT IS NOT TRUE,

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AND FEAR PROBLEMS IN THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP IF IT SHOULD BE. MEANWHILE, OUR USIS PRESS ATTACHE HAS RECEIVED NO INQUIRIES FROM ISRAELIS. HARROP



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